

for Internal Revenue Service tax enforcement.

As a result, for fiscal year 2008, I am revising both the discretionary spending limits and the allocation to the Senate Appropriations Committee for discretionary budget authority and outlays. The amount of the adjustment

is \$1,042 million in budget authority and \$699 million in outlays. The revised discretionary limits and allocations for discretionary budget authority and outlays are the appropriate levels to be used for enforcement during consideration of the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bills.

I ask unanimous consent to have the following revisions to S. Con. Res. 21 printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—S. CON. RES. 21; REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(c) TO THE ALLOCATION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS TO THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SECTION 207(b) SENATE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS

[In millions of dollars]

	Initial allocation/limit	Adjustment	Revised allocation/limit
FY 2008 Discretionary Budget Authority	953,053	1,042	954,095
FY 2008 Outlays	1,028,398	699	1,029,097

SAFE NURSING AND PATIENT CARE ACT

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, every American who has ever visited a hospital knows that nurses are on the front lines of our health care system. Our Nation's nurses treat patients, work with doctors, and perform complex duties critical to providing care to all patients. For these reasons, I am joining Senator KENNEDY in introducing the Safe Nursing and Patient Care Act. I have done so for the last three sessions of Congress and will continue to do so until this vital legislation is enacted.

At the heart of the bill is the belief that nurses should not be forced to work beyond their ability to offer exemplary care to patients. Mandatory overtime requires nurses, given very short notice to work excessive hours in our hospitals and other institutions that provide health care services. Nurses are left with no recourse when mandatory overtime is applied. They continue treating patients, despite fatigue in many instances, impacting the delivery of care to patients. It is time that we answer the call made by nurses from across the Nation to immediately address this issue.

Individual States have begun to respond to this call. Massachusetts is one of several States seeking to tackle adverse nursing conditions and curb requirements of mandatory overtime for its nurses. This bill would give nurses the necessary tools to continue putting patient care first by prohibiting mandatory overtime and providing protections if nurses report cases of it happening. Each year, 98,000 deaths are attributed to medical errors, and so addressing this issue is critical to the safety of our patients and the well-being of our nurses.

The Safe Nursing and Patient Act is the first step toward addressing important issues in our Nation's health care system. Our legislation offers support and protections to nurses. It is time that Congress act to create a healthy and safe work environment for nurses so that they can continue to create healthy environments for patients.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate

crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On July 21, 2007, in Hoboken, NJ, two men assaulted a gay couple near a well-known nightclub. They knock the two victims to the ground, beat them, and shouted antigay slurs. After noticing the attack, a bouncer at a nearby nightclub chased the two men down the street and held them until police arrived. The attackers now face charges of assault and bias intimidation. Police Captain Anthony Romano confirmed for reporters that the attackers hit the two men because they were gay.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Matthew Shepard Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

HONORING FREDERICK "TIM" MCCLINTOCK

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to honor one of the Senate's own, a man who went above and beyond the call of duty to save another's life.

Frederick "Tim" McClintock has been a fixture in the Senate for over 30 years. He is a skilled carpenter and a familiar face in the Senate.

He has come to my office on numerous occasions to perform various tasks. He does his job well and is always ready with a smile and a kind word.

Yet, on Friday, July 6, 2007, Tim McClintock was confronted with a terrible scene, well outside the routine of the Senate.

As he headed home at the end of the day, he noticed a man laying face down in the reflecting pool in Lower Senate Park. Without hesitation, Tim McClintock came to his aid. He turned the man over and performed CPR until he was resuscitated. Then with the assistance of a Capitol Police officer, he pulled the man out of the water.

That afternoon, Tim McClintock selflessly and courageously saved a man from drowning.

He would deny that he is a hero.

He was quoted in Roll Call newspaper as saying, "A hero is someone who risks their own well-being or life. The worst that was going to happen to me is that my feet would get wet."

His modesty is astounding.

The fact is that acts of compassion and bravery such as these display the true character of a man.

On that day, Tim McClintock demonstrated quick thinking, resourcefulness, bravery, and, above all, compassion and humanity for a stranger. The brave actions that Friday afternoon, as many others rushed home eager to start the weekend, were the actions of a true hero.

So, on behalf of the Senate, I commend the heroism of Frederick "Tim" McClintock, who on July 6, 2007, demonstrated the principles of kindness, bravery, and compassion that we value so much.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR THOMAS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an Albert Caswell tribute entitled "The Promise of Thomas" be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE PROMISE OF THOMAS

The promise of Thomas
Wyo, Craig Thomas, Cowboys and The Marines
Are some of the greatest dam things, this
our country has ever seen
Walk soft,
But, carry a big heart . . . A straight shooter,
The Promise of Thomas
Surely, this was Craig's greatest of parts . . .
as what his life so surely means
A cowboy, from the great wide west
A hero who worn the uniform, A Marine . . .
one of America's Best
Then, upon House and Senate floors . . . as a
legislator . . . his state and country
he'd bless
He was so kind, and ever so cool . . .
He was nobody's patsy nor anybody's fool,
following The Golden Rule
Understated, not complicated . . . just the
way God created, a beautiful calm
western scene
A Father and a Friend,
A Devoted and Loving Husband . . .
As has been this life of a patriot, time and
again . . .
A man of the land,